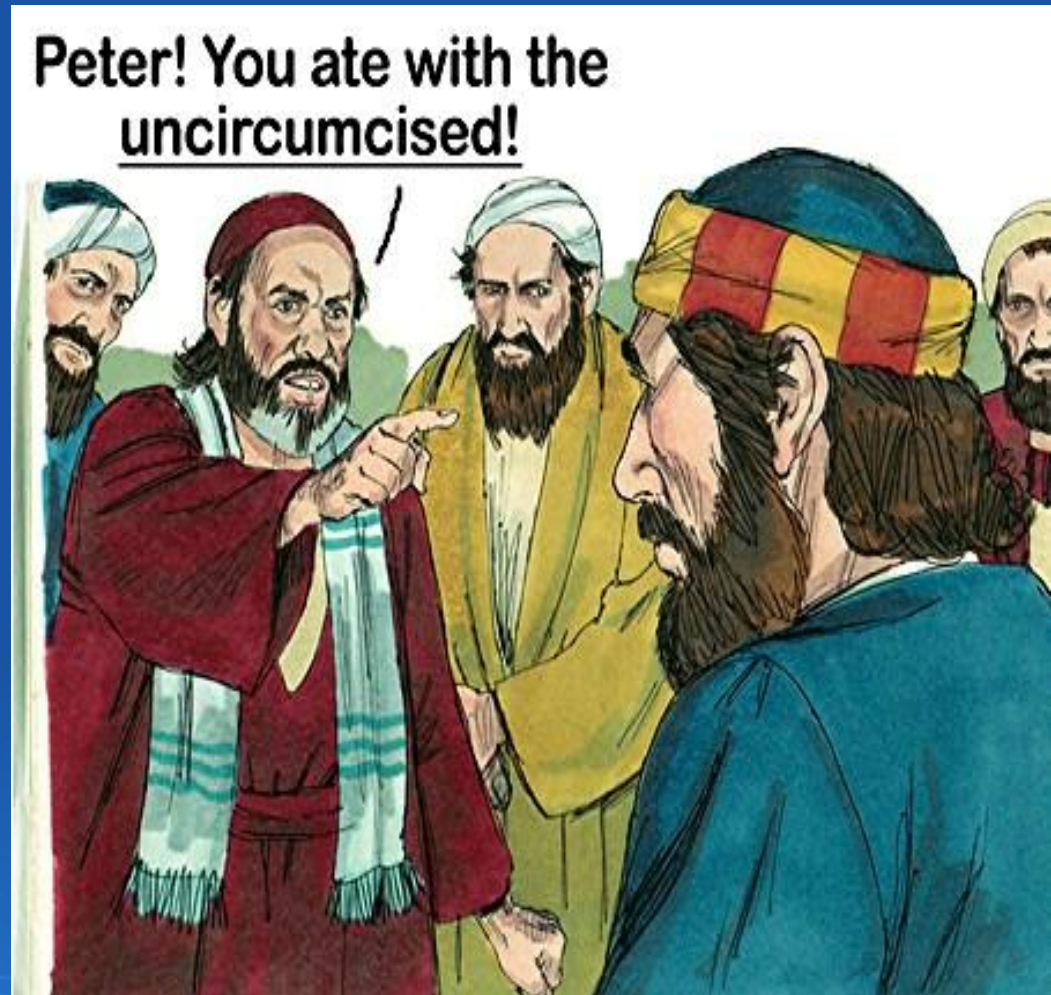
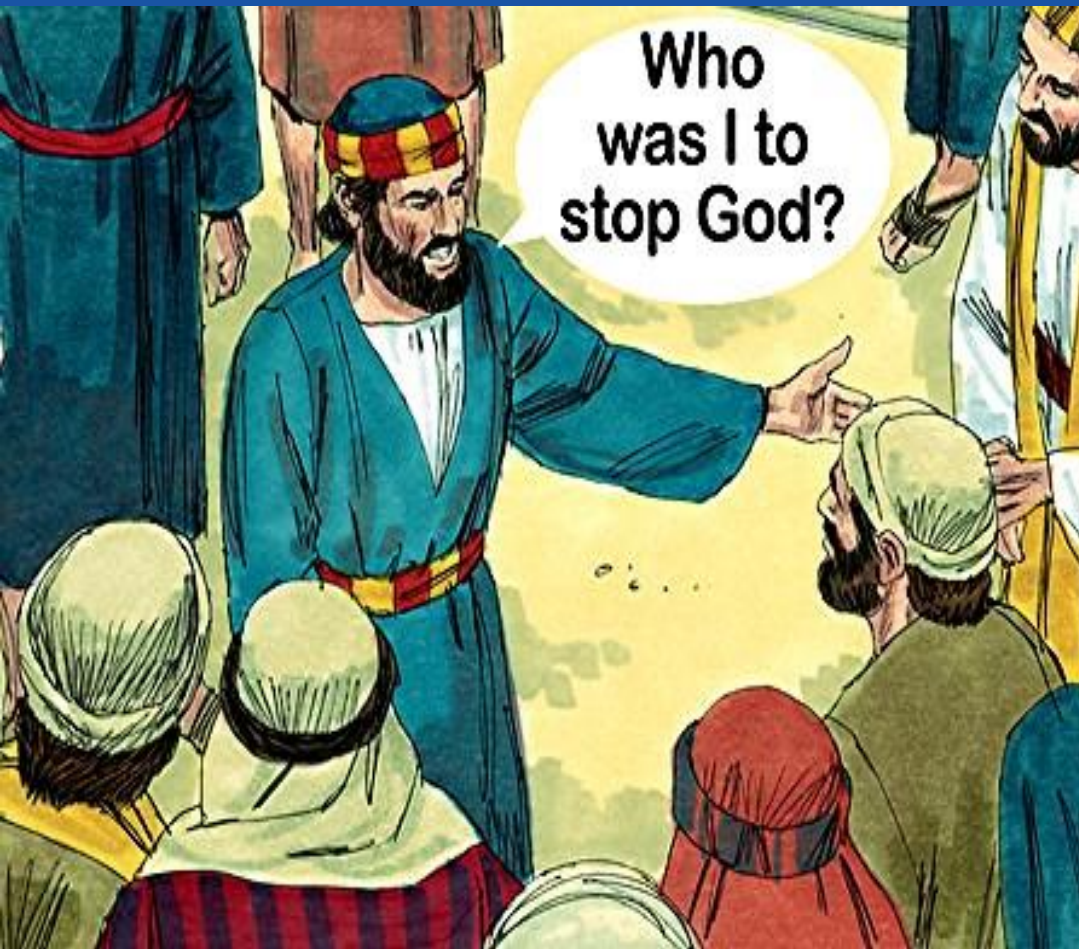


# PETER IS TAKEN TO TASK

- Believers indignant that Peter would eat in the home of a gentile
- The issue of ritual purity crossed all Jewish factional lines
- Peter's only defense was to recount the incident with Cornelius in full



# IT WAS A 2<sup>ND</sup> PENTECOST!



- Peter says Yeshua told them this would happen
- Believers stopped accusing Peter and started praising God
- But....they in no way thought the purity issues between Jews and gentiles were resolved
- Many Believers still thought gentiles need to be circumcised and to become official Jews



➤ **CYRENAICA    CYPRUS    ANTIOCH    PHOENICIA**

➤ **God-Pattern: the Gospel spreads best when Believers are undergoing tribulation**

➤ **Some Believers who were not part of those who fled from Jerusalem also went to Antioch to evangelize**

# GREEK or HELLENIST ?



- Paul was by no means in charge of the mission to the gentiles
- Greeks are Greek speaking, Greek lifestyle *gentiles*
- Hellenists are Greek speaking, Greek lifestyle *Jews*
- *Bar-Nabba* sent to Antioch to investigate
- Most of the new gentile Believers were probably already God-fearers
- Likely had some limited access to Synagogues

# BARNABAS THE ENCOURAGER

- Barnabas a Diaspora Jew from Cyprus
- He could more easily relate the people of Antioch
- It would be complicated to include gentiles in The Way
- A good man, full of the Holy Spirit
- Dead Sea Scrolls 1QS
- ***Bar-Nabba*** goes to Tarsus, about 100 miles away, to bring Paul back to Antioch



# ACTS 11:26

*“...in Antioch....first time....called Christians”*

- Except for CJB virtually all English Bibles say “Christians”
- Messianic Jews went one way, and gentile Christians another .....but NOT in Acts 11
- Does the word “Christians” actually appear here?
- **Yeshua = Iesous** Both are 3 syllable words
- Messiah and Messianic come from Hebrew **Mashiach** = anointed one
- Christian comes from Greek **christianoi**
- **Christianoi** is a translation variation of the Hebrew root word **Mashiach**

# WRONG ASSUMPTIONS

## TRAGIC SEPARATION

- Acts 11:26 sounds to non-Jewish ears as though a gentile movement called Christians was created
- Greek *christos* = Hebrew *mashiach*
- Some newer Bibles now say THE CHRIST
- Because *christos* means ‘the anointed one’
- *Mashiach* = *christos* = anointed one
- Christos is NOT a name, it indicates a position (the anointed one)
- At some point after the NT was closed, *christos* became Christ
- It turned from an office, to a proper name (Christ)
- God’s name is NOT God!
- Yeshua’s name is NOT Christ !

# CHRISTIAN AND MESSIANIC :

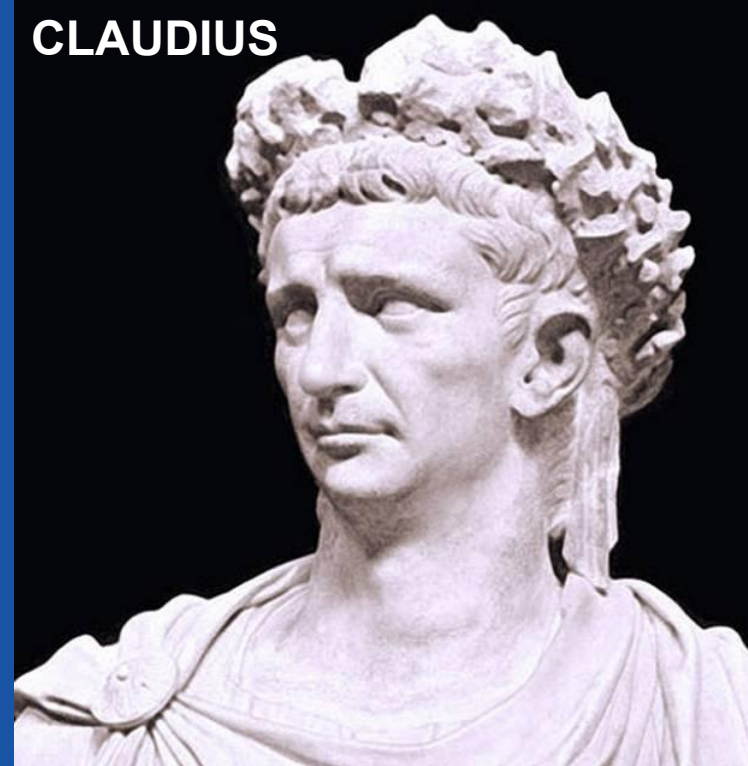
## Same, just different language sources

- Everywhere in our Bibles we find “Christ”, better would be “anointed one”
- “Anointed one” is a purely Hebrew concept
- Christian and Messianic are the same, just separated by language sources
- ***Christianoi*** (Greek) is NOT Christians (English)
- ***Christos*** did not rename Yeshua to Christ
- Greek ***christos*** became Latin ***christus***
- It seems that ***Christus*** became a proper name, so from that we get the English “Christ” as a proper name
- Most literal translation of ***christianoi*** is : “anointed one – ites”



# PROPHECY OF A FAMINE

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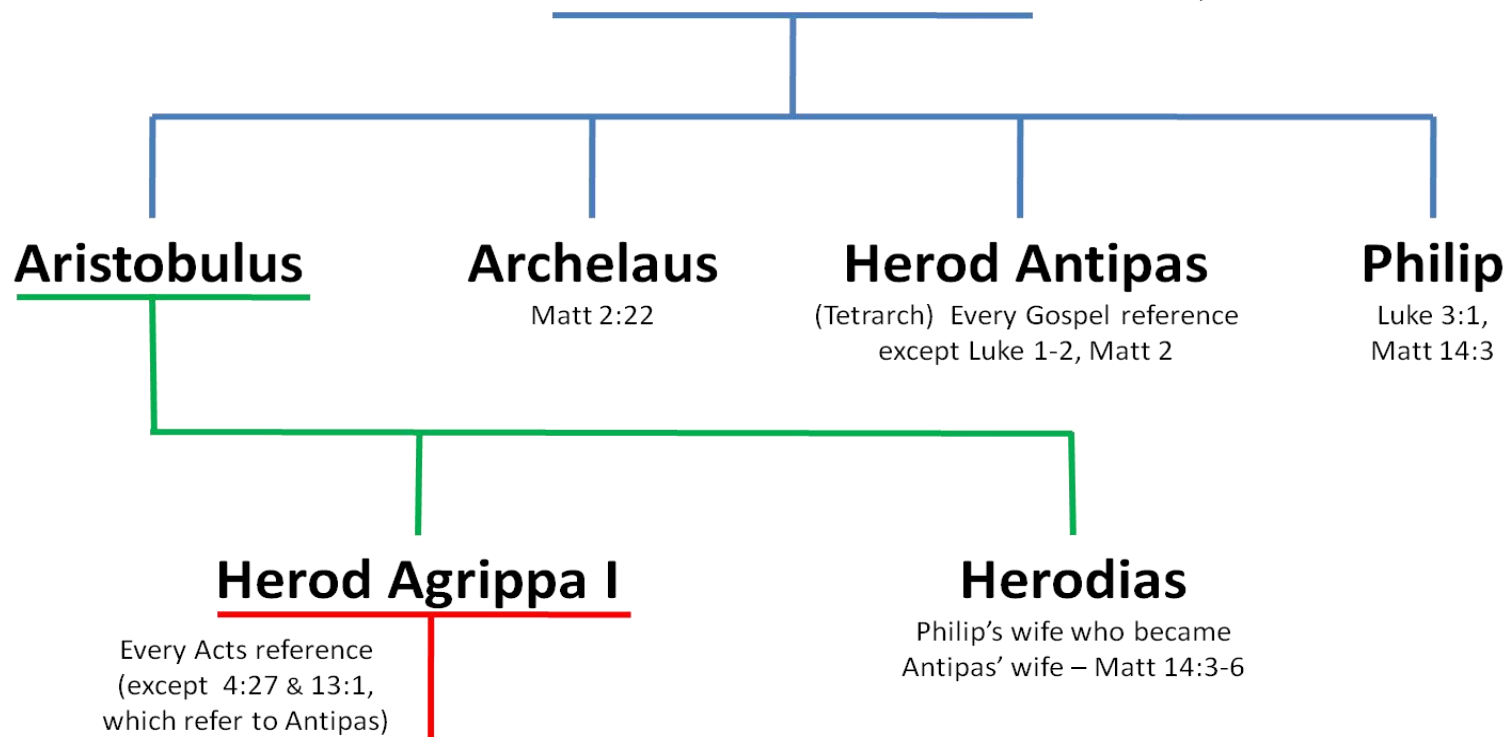


- Likely that the prophesied famine had much to do with Herod's actions in chapter 12
- **Agav** = grasshopper
- **Agav** was a Believer, and a prophet
- Believers in Antioch decided to provide relief for the Believers in Judah
- Claudius became Emperor of Rome in 41 AD, about the same time Herod Agrippa was made King of Judah



# Herod the Great

Luke 1-2, Matt 2



- Acts 12 revolves around Herod Agrippa
- Grandson of Herod the Great
- Judah had no king for about 40 years after Herod the Great died
- They were ruled by a series of Roman Procurators

# AGRIPPA A JEW?



- Agrippa like his grandfather Herod the Great.....NOT a Jew
- Father was Idumean (from Esau)
- Mother was Nabatean (from Ishmael)
- But the Jewish people considered him to be a Jew
- Agrippa followed Judaism, and the Jews found him to be a good and decent king

# WHY DID AGRIPPA GO AFTER THE BELIEVERS?

- Only went after the leadership, James beheaded
- No evidence this was a religious persecution
- Likely a fight against zealots
- Peter arrested
- Passover and Unleavened Bread became interchangeable terms
- Agrippa decided not to deal with Peter until after the Biblical Feast days had ended

